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| 1. | What was the Berlin Wall? | A wall built in 1961 by East Germany to stop people escaping to the West. |
| 2. | Why was the Berlin Wall built? | To stop East Germans from fleeing to capitalist West Berlin. |
| 3. | When was the Cuban Missile Crisis? | October 1962. |
| 4. | What caused the Cuban Missile Crisis? | The USSR placed nuclear missiles in Cuba, close to the USA. |
| 5. | What was the outcome of the Cuban Missile Crisis? | The USSR removed missiles from Cuba and the USA secretly removed missiles from Turkey. |
| 6. | What was the ‘hotline’? | A direct communication line set up between the USA and USSR after the Cuban Missile Crisis. |
| 7. | What was détente? | A period of relaxed tensions between the USA and USSR in the 1970s. |
| 8. | What was SALT 1? | A 1972 agreement to limit the number of nuclear weapons. |
| 9. | What was the Helsinki Agreement (1975)? | An agreement to respect human rights and improve East-West relations. |
| 10. | What was the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan? | In 1979, the USSR invaded Afghanistan to support its communist government. |
| 11. | How did the USA respond to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan? | By stopping SALT 2, boycotting the 1980 Olympics, and supporting Afghan rebels. |
| 12. | What was the Second Cold War? | A return to Cold War tensions in the early 1980s under US President Reagan. |
| 13. | What was Reagan’s ‘Star Wars’ plan? | A missile defence system that could shoot down Soviet missiles from space. |
| 14. | Who became Soviet leader in 1985? | Mikhail Gorbachev. |
| 15. | What were Gorbachev’s reforms called? | Glasnost (openness) and Perestroika (restructuring). |
| 16. | What did Gorbachev do in Eastern Europe? | He reduced Soviet control and let countries choose their own governments. |
| 17. | When did the Berlin Wall fall? | November 1989. |
| 18. | What happened to Eastern European communist governments in 1989? | Most of them collapsed and moved towards democracy. |
| 19. | When did the Soviet Union collapse? | 1991. |
| 20. | What marked the end of the Cold War? | The fall of the USSR and the end of communist rule in Eastern Europe. |

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Learn these questions to build a strong foundation of knowledge for this half-term. Ask family or friends to test you regularly, or practise on your own using the ‘Look, Say, Cover, Write’ method.